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His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
USA

Dear Mr Secretary-General

**London Stock Exchange Group joining the UN Sustainable Stock Exchange initiative**

I am writing to accept your invitation to become a Partner Exchange in the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative.

London Stock Exchange Group's role at the heart of global financial markets puts us in a unique and privileged position in promoting sustainability and corporate responsibility (CR). Our role in providing stable and efficient markets has a significant impact on business activity, as well as job and wealth creation, particularly at a time when sustainable equity funding is vital to the growth of the economy. Additionally, our influence in promoting good corporate practices and disclosure through corporate governance initiatives remains important at a time when business ethics and sustainability is under continued scrutiny.

This year, we have reviewed and refreshed our CR strategy to reflect our increasingly global and diversified business and to ensure sustainability issues are embedded in our core values and beliefs. We have focused our approach on areas where we feel we have the most impact and can add value. Our approach to CR is founded on four pillars closely tied with how we operate as a business: our markets, our services, our people and our community.

Joining the Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative complements this approach to CR. We voluntarily commit, through dialogue with investors, companies and regulators, to promoting long term sustainable investment and improved environmental, social and corporate governance disclosure and performance among companies listed on our exchanges.

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We plan to announce our membership on 2 June. At the same time we will issue our third annual Corporate Responsibility report which will outline the progress we have made over the last year, as well as our targets and plans for the future. We will mark this announcement with a Market Open ceremony at our London headquarters. I am delighted to note that some of your colleagues will be joining us for this celebratory event.

We look forward to collaborating on these topics with the UN bodies supporting this initiative and with our peer exchanges around the world.

Yours sincerely

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c.c. Mr Mukhisa Kituyi, UNCTAD Secretary General  
Mr Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director  
Mr Georg Kell, Global Compact Executive Director  
Ms Fiona Reynolds, PRI Managing Director